

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows. A separate page of the Abstract as amended is also attached with this reply.

A pre-formed tooth insert is provided for insertion in a prepared cavity in a tooth, particularly suitably for cavities accurately prepared to match pre-formed inserts. The insert has at least one surface (1) that remains exposed when the insert is placed in the prepared cavity, and a contact surface (5)-in continuation of the exposed surface(s), which contact surface comes in contact with the inner surface of the prepared tooth cavity when the insert is placed in the cavity. The, said contact surface forming forms substantially vertical edges at the junction with said exposed surface, where the said edges have a having an inclination or groove (2)-along at least a portion of the edge such that when the said-insert is placed in the said-cavity the inclination or groove (2)-is located at the junction between the exposed surface and the an adjacent outer surface of the tooth, allowing insertion of shapable cement material in the groove to form essentially a continuous surface.